

METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING ROD-LIKE  
FILLERS FOR SMOKERS' PRODUCTS

ABSTRACT

1 A mixture of long and short tobacco particles is  
2 sifted in the hopper of a cigarette maker to segregate  
3 the short particles from the long particles. The long  
4 particles are converted into a continuous stream and  
5 the short particles are gathered into a series of  
6 discrete, preferably metered, batches which are hetero-  
7 geneously distributed in longitudinally spaced apart  
8 portions of the stream. The latter is thereupon  
9 converted into a rod-like filler which is draped into  
10 a web of cigarette paper or other wrapping material to  
11 form therewith a continuous tobacco-containing rod. The  
12 rod is severed between successive batches or successive  
13 groups of batches so that each discrete cigarette con-  
14 tains at least one batch of short tobacco particles.

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